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NARRATOR 1: Hello, my name is NARRATOR 1. I am glad to tell you more about the 218th General Assembly meeting of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The General Assembly meets this year in San Jose, California, hosted by the Presbytery of San Jose with the assistance of the Presbyteries of the Redwoods and San Francisco, as well as the Synod of the Pacific. We will be meeting in the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, and other facilities in the downtown area.

The theme for the 218th General Assembly is from Micah: “Do justice; love kindness; walk humbly with your God.” This theme will allow us to look at the Presbyterian ministry and witness during this, the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

You should have already received information about registration and making travel and housing arrangements. Make sure to complete travel arrangements and go on-line to register as soon as possible.

Your General Assembly experience will begin when you arrive in San Jose. If you are flying, local volunteers will greet you at the San Jose airport and provide instructions for the next leg of your journey. You will be staying at one of eight hotels near the convention center. Most are within a couple of blocks, while two will require a short ride on the light rail system. Be sure to review materials available at www.pcusa.org/ga218 for more information about what costs the General Assembly will cover.

On-site registration, including distribution of name badges and other necessities, will take place at the Convention Center. And an information center and offices will be available for you to get answers to questions. Most of the assembly activities will take place in the Convention Center, while some will take place in nearby hotels. Opening worship on Sunday morning will take place simultaneously at the San Jose State University Event Center Arena and the Civic Auditorium, which is part of the convention center complex. Daily worship for the rest of the week will be at the Civic Auditorium or the plenary hall.

Arrangements have been made to assist those with hearing impairments, and simultaneous translation into Spanish and

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Korean will be available during plenary sessions. If you have other special needs, including needs related to mobility, sight, or diet, please indicate this during the registration process or contact GA Meeting Service.

A popular feature of the assembly is the Exhibit Hall - where you can visit with staff and elected members of the General Assembly agencies, or explore self help crafts at the gift shop, or browse through the bookstore. Part of your orientation will take place there on Saturday afternoon.

There are also special meals, receptions, briefings and issue oriented gatherings during the week. Some of these events require tickets. You can order the tickets online during the registration process. Even if you've already registered, you can still order advance tickets up until the published deadline. Some events may sell out prior to the assembly, while any remaining tickets to events will be available at the registration booth at the assembly.

There is a lot to do at the General Assembly. A schedule is included on the website as you register, and a Quick View calendar was sent to you along with the registration instructions and password. As a commissioner or advisory delegate you will want to choose carefully among all of the optional activities so that your choices do not conflict with your official duties.

This is only a brief introduction to the information about San Jose. More material is available on the web at www.pcusa.org/ga218.

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